of flow of logistics and technology into Poland.

We do not need to put up front, at least from the standpoint of the United States, any political timetable or political criterion projecting a unification of the East Zone of Germany with the Federal Republic of Germany. That is not where we should put the emphasis at this point. That is the German and European question, more than the U.S. question. What we must concentrate on is the implementation of a successful rescue effort in Poland, before the opportunity to do so is destroyed by the effects of a miserable, cruel winter.

Therefore the issue today is not how the two Germanies shall be linked in political abstract terms, but rather how they shall cooperate in assisting the salvation of Poland. And obviously there can be benefits to be shared, not to be despised, to the East German economy, from other parts of Europe, to the specific purpose of ensuring that the East German economy is able to deliver its part effectively in that rescue operation toward Poland. That should be our focus.

Politics must catch up with reality

Finally on this matter, there are some, including Secretary of State Baker, who reject the tempo of events and wish it were much milder, that it could all be nicely managed withing condominium summity, like the kind which is apparently planned for Malta. This is wrong. This is faulty. Politics cannot hold back the tempo of events in a period such as this one. Rather the tempo of political events and political decisions and institutional change must race to catch up with physical reality.

The causes for the explosion in Eastern Europe and elsewhere today are not meddling by politicians as such, at least nothing recent, nor are they immediately the decisions of governments or interventions by governments. The cause for the spread of international political and economic crisis is very simply the global physical economic breakdown crisis process, the crisis process which has been energized by 25 years of persistent folly in the drift of the economic, monetary, and financial policies of the United States and other relevant nations. We have nobody but ourselves to blame, and the Soviets have no one but themselves to blame for the mess.

Now the exigency of the hunger crisis and general economic breakdown crisis has gripped us all. We must respond to the tempo of events dictated by physical reality, not to try to impose upon physical reality, like King Canute, our mere subjective whims. Men and women who cannot keep pace politically with the physical requirements of events should step out of the position of leadership to make room for those who are qualified to undertake these tasks.